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**Company pays \$159,500 EPA fine
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Container Properties of Seattle has paid a \$159,500 fine to the federal government for failure to conduct required cleanup work at the former Rhone Poulenc facility, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced this week.

A vanillin processing plant until it closed in April 1991, the Marginal Way facility has a long history of above- and below-ground releases of contaminants, such as arsenic, cadmium, copper, mineral oil, sulfuric acid and other waste by-products from vanillin production, the EPA said.

Citing evidence of groundwater contamination, the EPA says the former industrial area may be listed as a Superfund site.

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